BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2001

Docket No. R2001-1

NOTICE OF ASSOCIATION OF ALTERNATE POSTAL SYSTEMS OF INTERVENTION AS A LIMITED PARTICIPATOR

Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. § 3624 and § 20a of the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Association of Alternate Postal Systems ("AAPS") hereby submits its notice of intervention as a limited participator in the above-captioned docket.

I.

AAPS requests that the following name be added to the service list in this docket:

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H.

AAPS is an association of member firms that compete with the Postal Service primarily for the distribution of matter that would qualify as Standard ECR. More specifically, in light of the Postal Service's definition of "letters" under the Private Express Statutes, AAPS members' ability to compete for the distribution of advertising matter is limited (with a few exceptions) to the delivery of saturation mail. For this reason, AAPS members are extremely interested in and concerned with the Postal Service

proposal—again—to reduce rates charged to much of the competitive portion of this mail and with the Postal Service's sponsorship, once again, of testimony extolling the virtues of "Ramsey pricing." They wish to participate in this docket to assure that the rates against which they compete are lawful.

III.

AAPS requests a hearing on this matter and intends to participate in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 17th day of October, 2001 served the foregoing document upon all of the participants in accordance with Section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

Ronnie S. Blair